Accidents of fighter planes

†*482. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fighter planes of Indian Air Force which met with an accident in the last two years togetherwith the number of pilots who died in these accidents;

(b) the type of fighter planes which met with an accident; and

(c) the details of the reasons of accident as well as the losses suffered as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) The number of fighter aircrafts lost, number of pilots killed and the types of these fighter aircrafts are as under:

Year	No. of Figher ac Accid-ents	No. of Fighter ac lost	Types of Fighter ac lost					No. of pilots killed	Loss incurred (As per Provisional loss statements)
			MIG 21	MIG 23	MIG 27	MIG 29	Jaguar		
1999-2000	20	22	13*	01	03	01	04*	09	Rs. 375.69 Cr.
2000-2001	17	18	12*	03	03	—	—	10	Rs. 47.60 Cr.+

* An additional ac each has been lost due to mid-air collision.

As per the Court of Inquiry, conducted into each of these accidents, the cause factor of these accidents are found as Human Error, Technical Defect and Bird Hit.

+Since Courts of Inquiry have not been finalized in the case of 6 aircrafts, the loss incurred on these has not been included in this figure.

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